

MOUNT ALLISON UNIVERSITY
MEETING OF THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

November 2, 2021, 4:00pm
via Microsoft Teams

Present via remote connection: N. Anthonisen, K. Bell, P. Berry, A. Beverley. B. Blakney, J-P.

There was no business arising from the minutes.

05.11.2 Chair's remarks

COVID-19

The Chair noted that the provincial circuit-breaker measures continue and will be reviewed on Friday, November 5th. The case numbers are presently trending down. The Mount Allison community continues to do its part, and the Chair thanked everyone for compliance. The Chair reported a 98% overall vaccination rate among students and staff. There are 519 fully vaccinated faculty and staff (up from 504). There are 2192 fully vaccinated students (up from 2102). There is only 1 student unaccounted for, and that student will receive a registered letter today. A small number of tests continues to be conducted twice weekly, and so far, all results are negative. The Chair encouraged everyone to get some rapid tests, and noted that Horizon Health distributes these on Tuesdays at the Civic Centre. To date there have been 554 seasonal flu shots administered on campus, and walk-in appointments are still available. Hats off to VP A. Comfort, to Matt Maston, Cindy Crossman, Robert Inglis & the COVID Committee, to the Board of Regents' ad hoc Health committee, and to everyone working in the community to ensure safe and orderly roll out of these health services for staff and students.

Mid-Semester

As we move past the mid-semester mark and approach Reading Week (November 8-12), this is a good time for a check-in with everyone on how the semester is going. The Senate agenda committee has added item #8 to the present meeting to allow for general discussion of course evaluations and Winter course delivery. The Chair noted an email communication to faculty from the Provost earlier today concerning a timeline to make changes Winter course delivery. (See item 8.)

Events

The Chair drew attention to many events, including: a Virtual Book launch on November 4 for Renée Belliveau's *The Sound of Fire*; a public presentation, jointly hosted by the Department of Geography and Environment, and the Atlantic Division of the Canadian Association of Geographers on November 5 entitled "How to Stop Global Warming: Earth's Carbon Cycle and the Necessity of Net-Zero Emissions"; The University Remembrance Day Ceremony to be live streamed on FB on November 11; the President's Speaker Series welcomes Dr. David Suzuki (virtually, with option for campus attendance in person) on November 18; the Mount Allison Choral Society and Elliott Chorale present "Coming Home for Christmas", scheduled for Dec. 5th at Convocation Hall. The Chair noted the many recent successes of student athletic clubs, notably including Football, Soccer, Swimming, Hockey, Volleyball, Basketball, Cross Country, and Badminton. The Chair noted that a significant percentage (12%) of Mt.A. students identify as student athletes, and he wanted to give them a proper shout out, including kudos to Athletic Director Pierre Arseneault and the entire coaching and athletic staff. The Chair noted that the

President's Budget Advisory Committee will be kicking off its budget process for 2022-23, and he would say more soon. Finally, the Chair really wanted to give a huge musical shout out to Dr. James Kalyn for his musical interludes during Senate voting.

J. Kalyn asked whether there would be an in-person services for Remembrance Day. The Chair replied that there would be a hybrid, streamed event as noted, but not the traditional event in Convocation Hall. B. Evans noted that there would be a march from the Legion to Memorial Park on the morning of November 11th.

There was no further discussion.

06.11.2 Report from University Planning Committee

J. Hennessy noted his standing engagement to report at each Senate meeting, and wished his musical performance career had been this regular. The UPC hasn't met since the last report at the October Senate meeting, and work continues for some units on securing authorizations and preparing to begin searches for positions given high

students are informed in time to make clear decisions about their courses for next term. The Provost then invited open discussion on this and on the other item of course evaluations.

The Chair invited M. Levesque to speak, who said his department members thought it important that faculty should have a choice for delivery and expressed his satisfaction with the announced

be accommodating, for students to be understanding, and for everyone to be patient. The Provost acknowledged P. Berry's chat comment, noting that missed final exams follow regulation 10.8.4.

09.11.2 Report from Committee on Committees

S. Runge noted that the report consists of motions to staff committees for the current AY.

Motion: (S. Runge/V. St. Pierre) The Committee on Committees moves that Senate acclaim the following nominees to the committees indicated for a term commencing immediately,

R. Minocha-McKenney thanked Rachelle Pascoe Deslauriers for integrated learning coursework concerning quality assessment of student employment as teaching assistants and in other faculty support roles.

13.10.12 Other business

There was no other business.

14.10.12 Adjournment

The Chair thanked everyone for continued engagement, especially our students. The meeting adjourned at 5:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robbie Moser
Secretary